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P&G Case No. 8363M

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
MARY CARMEN GASCO, ET AL. :
Serial No. 10/010,818 : Group Art Unit: 3727
Filed: December 6, 2001 : Examiner: S. J. Castellano
For A SHAPED CONTAINER BOTTOM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT responds to the office action dated January 22, 2003.

REMARKS

Objections to the Drawings

Applicants note the Examiner's objections to the drawings. Applicants will correct and amend the drawings once patentable subject matter has been ascertained.

Trademark Use

Applicants note the Examiner's objection to Applicants' trademark use; i.e., that the PRINGLES trademark should be capitalized in each instance of its use in the specification. Applicants will make the proper amendments to the specification once patentable subject matter has been ascertained.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejection

Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Johnson (U.S. Patent No. 4,164,588), Griffith (U.S. Patent No. 4,011,347) and Baur (U.S. Patent